

Public Health & Social Services Committee Regular Meeting Minutes

DATE & TIME: June 3, 2019 – 5:00 PM
LOCATION: K.L. Binder Library, 6th Floor, C.O.B.
PRESIDING OFFICER: Chairman Craig Lopez
LEGISLATIVE STAFF: Nettie Tomshaw
PRESENT: Legislators Nolan, Collins, Petit, Wawro
ABSENT: None
QUORUM PRESENT: Yes

OTHER ATTENDEES: Marc Rider Deputy County Executive, Alex Truesdell Founder & Executive Director Adaptive Design Association, Inc

Chairman Lopez called the meeting to order at 5:06 PM.
Chairman Lopez welcomed everyone and proceeded with roundtable introductions.

Motion No. 1: Moved to Approve the Minutes of the May 6, 2019 meeting

Motion By: Legislator Nolan
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Petit
Discussion: None
Voting In Favor: Legislators Lopez, Nolan, Collins, Petit, Wawro (arrived 5:07 PM)
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 4
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: Minutes **APPROVED**

Resolutions for the June 18, 2019 Session of the Legislature

Resolution No. 230: Confirming Appointment Of A Member To The Community Services Board's Mental Health Subcommittee

Resolution Summary: This resolution confirms the appointment of Barbara Hill to the Community Services Board's Mental Health Subcommittee. Term 7/1/2019 – 12/31/2022.

Motion No. 2: Moved to Discuss & Adopt Resolution No. 230
Motion By: Legislator Nolan
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Collins

Discussion:

Legislator Petit noted Ms. Hill's resume is very impressive.

Voting In Favor: Legislators Lopez, Nolan, Collins, Petit, Wawro
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 5
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: Resolution ADOPTED

Resolution No. 231: Approving The Execution Of A Contract In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Emergency One – Department Of Social Services

Resolution Summary: This resolution approves the execution of a contract with Emergency One for professional services for client drug and alcohol screening at DSS. \$125K Federal 36%, State 29%, County, 35% Contract Date 7/1/19 – 6/30/21.

Motion No. 2: Moved to Discuss & Adopt Resolution No. 231
Motion By: Legislator Collins
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Petit

Discussion:

Deputy County Exec. Marc Rider provided an overview of the contract. Committee discussion ensued as to who and why clients are tested.

Voting In Favor: Legislators Lopez, Nolan, Collins, Petit, Wawro
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 5
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: Resolution ADOPTED

Resolution No. 232: Approving The Execution Of A Contract In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Rising Ground, Inc. – Department Of Social Services

Resolution Summary: This resolution approves the execution of a contract with Rising Ground, Inc. for foster care services. \$200K Federal 36%, State 29%, County 35%, Contract Date 4/1/19 – 6/30/20.

Motion No. 2: Moved to Discuss & Adopt Resolution No. 232
Motion By: Legislator Nolan

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Wawro

Discussion:

Deputy County Exec. Marc Rider provided an overview of this contract and vendor. This is one of 23-25 providers the County contracts with for foster care services depending on the various placement needs. Deputy Exec. Rider will provide a spreadsheet of DSS contractors in the next couples of days per Chair Petit's request.

Voting In Favor: Legislators Lopez, Nolan, Collins, Petit, Wawro
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 5
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: Resolution ADOPTED

Presentation – Deputy Chair Nolan introduced her constituent Alex Truesdell from the Town of Olive, and proceeded with roundtable introductions.

Alex Truesdell Founder & Executive Director, Adaptive Design Association, Inc

Ms. Truesdell, came before the committee to talk about her Adaptive Design programs with the hope Ulster County can become the model for the Hudson Valley and small towns beyond. Ms. Truesdell is preparing to start a local version of work that she has successfully established to serve people, primarily with mobility and other accessibility needs, in New York City. Her work focuses on constructing, most often from corrugated cardboard, low-tech, affordable, and customized tools and furniture that enable children with disabilities to participate actively in their homes, schools and communities. Their mission is to advance healthcare, education and social well-being by engaging everyone – novice to expert – in building custom adaptations, discovering untapped potential, and nurturing communities that thrive with diversity.

Committee discussion ensued – budget, pipeline and investor needs.

Legislator Petit shared interest in the use of corrugated cardboard for the construction of product. Ms. Truesdell has spoken with Abilities First and the Arc of Ulster Greene who will be taking over Dutchess and Putnam and have agreed to a provisional buy-in once their transition is complete. The Cornell Creative Business Center has newly renovated space available for rent. Adaptive Design Assoc. Inc. would need \$200K/annually to produce 1000 pcs. (see attached presentation overview)

Chairman Lopez asked if there was any other business, and hearing none;

Adjournment

Motion Made By: Legislator Petit
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Nolan
No. of Votes in Favor: 5
No. of Votes Against: 0

TIME: 6:30 PM

Respectfully submitted: Nettie Tomshaw, Legislative Staff
Minutes Approved: July 1, 2019

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Alex Truesdell—Founder, Executive Director, Adaptive Design Association, Inc. (ADA)

VISION:

The Adaptive Design Association envisions a day when Adaptive Design Centers are operating in communities, schools, and organizations everywhere; and when all people with disabilities are fully educated, employed, and valued, in every family, society, and country.

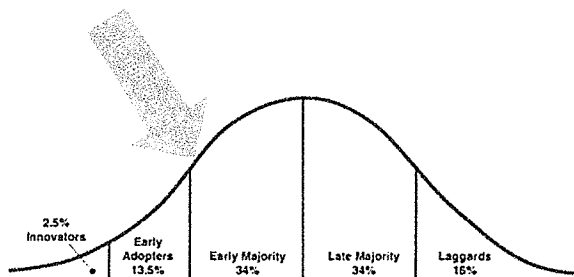
MISSION:

The Adaptive Design Association advances healthcare, education, and social well-being by engaging everyone—novice to expert—in building custom adaptations, discovering untapped potential, and nurturing communities that thrive with diversity.

ADA's GOALS & PRACTICES:

- Challenge assumptions about disability.
- Generate awareness that the vast majority of children and adults with disabilities need more adaptations than they currently receive.
- Help teachers, therapists, and parents transform ideas into requests for child-specific adaptations through hands-on learning.
- Contribute to skills training and job creation for US Veterans, the transitional workforce, and the unemployed.
- Use the most affordable, safe, and durable building materials available, including triple-wall corrugated cardboard, wood, fabric, plastics, and electronics.
- Advance the practical application of science, technology, art, engineering, and mathematics.
- Provide Service-Learning opportunities for high school, college, and graduate students.
- Collaborate with colleges and universities to develop Adaptive Design courses and degree programs, for educators, clinicians, designers, and other related professions.
- Encourage research studies on the impact user-specific adaptations have on those who use, those who request, and those who build them.
- Coordinate information sharing through courses, articles, videos, and on-line programs, thus creating a thriving "Association" of Adaptive Design Centers and Adaptive Design Practitioners.

The law of diffusion of innovation



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